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SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENTS' TRAVEL

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1. IN ONLY KNOWN INSTANCE OF AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT TRAVELING WITH EXCHANGE DELEGATION, REPORTER AT SOVIET REQUEST FILED BRIEF TRAVEL NOT TWO DAYS BEFORE JANUARY TRIP TO VORONIZH. CORRESPONDENTS INVITED ON MFA TOURS OFTEN CAN CONFIRM INTEREST VERBALLY BUT ON OCCASION HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR SHORT NOTE, WHICH SUITABLY STAMPED HAS BEEN PRESENTED AT EACH HOTEL BY SOVIET TOUR LEADER. FYI, LATEST MFA TOUR MARCH 28-31 TO PALEKH AND II NOVO FOR SHABAD, SEEGER, MCGUIRE AND THIRD- COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS. END FYI. AS FAR AS KNOWN NO CLOSED AREAS EVER VISITED.

2. FOR PRESENT EMBASSY RECOMMENDS SOME KIND OF NOTE BE FILED FOR THE SOVIET CORRESPONDENT TRAVEL AND THAT STRICTURES ON CLOSED AREAS BE IMPOSED NO LESS FIRMLY THAN SOVIETS DO. RATIONALE FOR NOTE REQUEST IS POTENTIAL COUNTER TO BE USED AGAINST IRKSOME NECESSITY FOR CORRESPONDENTS TO GET VISA FROM OVIR
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FOR REGULAR TRIPS. FYI, INTOURIST WILL NOT BEGIN
ARRANGEMENTS WITHOUT VISA. END FYI. ON TRAVEL
REQUESTS FOR CLOSED AREAS DEPARTMENT WELL AWARE
LARGELY NEGATIVE SOVIET HISTORY.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF
SOVIET CORRESPONDENT TRAVEL WITH EXCHANGE GROUPS FOR
USE IN SUPPORT OF AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS HERE,
INCLUDING TRAVEL THIS FALL FOR YOUNG POLITICAL
LEADERS GROUP.
DUBS

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5. WOULD USDEL ACCEPT ABOVE PROGRAM IF EFFORTS TO RE- INSTATE
KRASNOYARSK ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL?

6. PLEASE ADVISE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF USDEL.
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